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1. FYI In view Santini letter of January 11, stating that Italy unable to go beyond status quo on multiple designation, it is highly unlikely US/Italy agreement could be reached in consultations tentatively scheduled for February 3. Multiple designation issue is crucial to both countries. USG cannot accept GOI position. Under the circumstances, we believe it is not useful and may even be undesirable to resume formal negotiations at this stage. However, we consider it is desirable to continue dialogue with Italians. Accordingly, we believe useful Meadows and Watson (now in Portugal) go to Rome to speak [illegible]ntini informally to (i) explore if possible whether he can m[illegible] on multiple designation, (ii) see if any other issues can be moved along, and (iii) try to keep him from taking precipitous action. END FYI

2. Accordingly, Embassy requested prepare letter to Santini with Meadows signature using text set forth below and deliver

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it to Santini as soon as approval received by Embassy from Meadows in Lisbon. Text of letter is as follows:

"In my letter to you of December 31, 1968, I indicated that I would be writing you again before we resumed negotiations regarding the issue of multiple designation. Since then, we have received your letter of January 11 stating that it is absolutely not possible for Italy to make any further concessions on this issue beyond acceptance of the status quo. That position, as we explained to you during our meetings in December, and, as I indicated in my letter of December 31, is one which the US cannot accept. Consequently, in the absence of any indication between us that a mutually acceptable basis for resolving this issue exists, I have some doubt as to the desirability of resuming our formal negotiations on February 3 as we had tentatively agreed.

"As you may know, Mr. Watson of the CAB and I are presently in Portugal. I should like to propose that we come to Rome and meet with you informally on February 3 (and February 4, if necessary) to review briefly the state of our negotiations. I should appreciate it if you will let me know through the American Embassy in Rome whether this is acceptable to you. Sincerely yours,

"John S. Meadows"

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3. Please advise when letter transmitted and reactions, if any, of Santini.

4. Instructions for informal talks being cabled to Meadows.

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